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Patent claims

- 5 1. A method for joining at least one joint part (3),
provided with a through-opening (4), to a hollow profile
(1),
- in which the joint part (3) is pushed with its through-
opening (4) onto the hollow profile (1) up to a joint
10 point (2),
- in which the hollow profile (1) is expanded at least at
the joint point (2),
characterized
- in that an adhesive (11) is arranged between an inner
15 side (6) of the joint part (3) and an outer side (5) of
the hollow profile (1) before the expansion in such a
way that
- the adhesive (11) adheres to the inner side (6) and to
the outer side (5) in the region of the joint point (2)
20 after the expansion.
2. The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in
that the adhesive (11) is arranged in such a way that it
fully encloses the hollow profile (1) in an annular
25 manner in the circumferential direction.
3. The method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized
in that the adhesive (11) is arranged in a recess (12)
which is formed on the inner side (6) or on the outer
30 side (5) before the expansion and which is essentially
leveled after the expansion.
4. The method as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3,
characterized in that the adhesive (11) is arranged in

the form of a solid on the inner side (6) or on the outer side (5) before the joint part (3) is pushed onto the hollow profile (1).

5 5. The method as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4, characterized

- in that the hollow profile (1) is also expanded directly adjacent to the joint part (3) in such a way that

10 - the hollow profile (1) has, after the expansion, at least on one side of the joint part (3), a step (13) bearing laterally against the joint part (3).

6. The method as claimed in one of claims 1 to 5,
15 characterized in that the hollow profile (1) is expanded by means of internal high pressure at least at the joint point (2).

7. A hollow profile having a joint part (3) joined
20 thereto,

- the joint part (3) being pushed with its through-opening (4) onto the hollow profile (1) up to a joint point (2),

- the hollow profile (1) being expanded at least at the
25 joint point (2),

characterized in that an adhesive (11) is arranged between an inner side (6) of the joint part (3) and an outer side (5) of the hollow profile (1), this adhesive (11) adhering to the inner side (6) and to the outer side
30 (5).

8. The hollow profile as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the hollow profile (1) is expanded directly adjacent to the joint part (3) in such a way

that it bears laterally against the joint part (3) by means of a step (13).

9. The hollow profile as claimed in claim 7 or 8,
5 characterized in that the joint part (3) has a fastening section (7) with which a combination (8) of joint part (3) and hollow profile (1) can be fastened to another component.